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bring ourselves more fully into compliance with the federal statute on this matter. When we passed our legislation last year, Nebraska became 1 of about 40 states that have joined with the federal government in something called the Randolph-Sheppard Act. The Randolph-Sheppard Act is a federal statute that dates back to 1930, that creates employment opportunities for the blind in federal office buildings. And about 40 states, including Nebraska, have now emulated that process here in our state office buildings. In addition to expanding that terminology beyond simple vending machines to include cafeterias and snackbars, we also delete some outdated language that related to an old funds transfer that took place on July 1 of 2000. And we're revising some language regarding the number of persons that can be involved in these vending companies. With that, Mr. President, I will conclude my opening, and entertain any questions if you have any. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. You've heard the opening. There are committee...by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Because the committee amendment is...requires only a brief explanation, I'm going to take this opportunity to also mention to you that the cookies on your desk came from the Homestead Girl Scout Council here in Lincoln. And I've been getting lots of thanks for the cookies. I want to make sure that the thanks go to the right people. So, thank you. The committee amendment is simply an amendment to add the emergency clause to the bill. We thought it was important that we do this immediately. And the committee had absolutely no qualms about advancing the bill. They advanced it 7 to 1, with 1 person absent. So, would like your approval of the emergency clause on the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on AM0137, offered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Open for discussion on that motion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Schimek. She waives her opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption